(c) whether it is a fact that the main beneficiary of the scheme is the middleman and not the artisan or craftsman and whether it is due to the anomalies in the Gold Control Order; and

(d) if so, what steps are considered to ensure that the artisans or goldsmiths get the benefit out of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Quantity and value of gold purchased by the State Bank of India since August 1985, under the Gold Jewellery Export Promotion and Replenishment Scheme is shown below:

Period	Quantity in KGS	Value (in Rs. crores)
—August 1985 to March 1986	633.727	8.73
—April 1986 to March 1987	1268.869	19.80
—April 1987 to March 1988 (Provisional)	1791.315	39.14

(b) Exports of gold jewellery under this Scheme since August 1985, are given below:

Period	Value (In Rs. crores)
—August 1985 to March 1986	21.27
—April 1986 to March 1987	37.84
—April 1987 to March 1988 (Provisional)	56.45

These figures also include exports of jewellery containing less than 10% gold by value.

(c) and (d) It is expected that the benefit of increased exports of gold jewellery under the Scheme would also percolate down to the goldsmiths and artisans engaged in manufacture of gold jewellery. There is no information or reason to believe that this does not happen.

New Commission for demarcating boundary of Assam with Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya

*137. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a new Commission for the demarcation of boundary of Assam with Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration of Government at present.